(d) Government is constantly reviewing the price situation and has taken corrective steps. The State sector and cooperative sector spinning mills have been directed to augment the production of crucial counts of yarn and exercise restraint in prices. The National Textile Corporation (NTC) has been asked to readjust their production plan to augment production of hank yarn of 40s and below where the price rise has affected the handloom weavers the most. NHDC has also been advised to augment varn supplies. The Chief Ministers of States have been requested to monitor the production of yarn by Cooperative/State sector mills, and to hold regular State Level reviews regarding supply, prices and distribution of hank varn. The Chief Ministers have also been advised to impress upon the District Collectors to organise regular checking of the stocks and selling prices of varh dealers in the districts, with a view to prevent hoarding of yarn.

De-Recognition of Political Parties

- 3719. SHRI P.C. THOMAS: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the Election Commission has recently withdrawn the recognition of several political parties;
- (b) if so, the details of National and State level parties which have been de-recognised:
- (c) the effect of de-recognition on their election symbol;
- (d) whether these parties are entitled to get the same symbol during the coming elections:
- (e) whether Kerala Congress (M) is a recognised State party; and

(f) if so, whether there is any other party with the name of Kerala Congress which now has been recognised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JSUTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

- (b) Election Commission has withdrawn recognition of three National Parties, viz., (1) Indian Congress (Socialist-Sarat Chandra Sinha), (2) Janata Dal (Samajwadi) and (3) Lok Dal, and ten State parties, viz., (1) Democratic Party (Mizoram), (2) Kerala Congress, (3) Nagaland Peoples' Party (4) Patalli Makkal Katchi (Pondicherry), (5) Peasants and Workers Party of India (Maharashtra), (6) Peoples Party of Arunachal, (7) Plains Tribals Council of Assam (8) Pondicherry Mannila Makkal Mannani (9) Revolutionary Socialist Party (Kerala) and (10) United Minorities Front, Assam, Indian Congress (Socialist-Sarat Chandra Sinha) however, has been found eligible for recognition as State Party in the States of Kerala and Manipur.
- (c) and (d). A political party derecognised both as national and state party loses its reserved symbol. A political party derecognised as a national party but recognised as a State party is entitled to use its reserved symbol in the State or States in which it is so recognised.
 - (e) Yes, Sir.
 - (f) No. Sir.

Letters Received from members of Parliament

3720. SHRIRAJNATH SONKAR SHAS. .TRI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state: 133

- (a) the number of letters received by him from the Members of Parliament during last two years, month-wise;
- (b) the number of letters which were acknowledged or given final replies during this period month-wise and the number of the letter still pending acknowledgement/ replies; and
 - (c) the steps taken to expedite the re-

plies and to check delay in the futures?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b). A statement is attached.

(c) All letters from MPs are attended to . on highest priority and progress is monitored at the highest level through computerised Management Information Systems.

STATEMENT

Month	No. of letters received from MPs	No. of letters acknowledged	No. of letters in which final reply sent
March, 1990	119	All letters are acknowledged	68
A pril, 1990	239	immediately on receipt	164
May, 1990	301	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	225
June, 1990	260		237
July, 1990	183		170
August, 1990	229		236
September, 1990	217		174
October, 1990	175		158
November, 1990	146		174
December, 1990	71		138
January, 1991	217	•	189 ·
February, 1991	167		143
March, 1991	117		123
April , 1991	114		126
May, 1991	27		49

Month	No. of letters received from MPs	No. of letters acknowledged	No. of letters in which final reply sent
June, 1991	16		38
July, 1991	66		83
August, 1991	284		184
September, 1991	375		233
October, 1991	313		275
November, 1991	225		204
December, 1991	324		230
January, 1992	221		176
February, 1992	159		128
Number of letters	pending for acknowled	gement, as on 1.3.1992	: Nil

Number of letters pending for acknowledgement, as on 1.3.1992

Number of letters pending final reply, as on 1.3.1992

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Misuse of Advance Import Licences **Duty free Scheme**

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SHRI LOKANATH CH-3721. OUDHURY: Will the Minister of FINANCE

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware that the silk fabrics, imported under advance import licences duty free scheme, is not used for making silk garments for exports;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the precaution being taken under Customs Notification No. 116-CUS dated March 30, 1988 in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE

MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESH-WAR THAKUR): (a) to (c). No case has come to notice where the silk fabrics, imported under advance licences duty free scheme have not been used for making silk garments for export. The Customs authorities draw samples both of Import and Export consignments and get them tested so as to ensure that the export products are made from the same material as imported under the Advance Licence, Further, silk garments are allowed to be exported only after receipt of certificates from the Central Silk Board testifying the use of silk fabrics in the except product.

Rep Licences

3722. SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state: